FOLLOWING INSTRUCTIONS.

The writer has been employed to superintend the editorial department of the APPEAL during the temporary absence of the Editor-in-Chief. He will endeavor to earn his princely salary and hopes to succeed in keeping the Sheriff and Coroner out of the office until the return of the gentleman who has reposed in him such a sacred trust. It will be his pride and pleasure to maintain the high moral standard of the paper, and he will take especial pains to preserve its enviable reputation as the most truthful and reliable journal that was ever published since the editorial days of the lamented Thomas Pepper of historic memory. The temporary editor is kindly permitted to wield a free lance during his occupancy of the tripod, the only restrictive injunctions being a somewhat emphatte admonition to abstain from "any d-d free trade balderdash," and a mild request to continue the paper in the regular Republican line of march, by an occasional article upon the benefits, glories and beauties of our present protective tariff system, and the wisdom of adding yearly a few hundred millions of dollars to the accumulated surplus in our National Treasury, as a prudent provision against the needs of the rainy day which is hable at any time to lower upon our great and glorions Republic. While positively inhibited from publishing as original matter anything adverse to the fundamental principles of protection, we are kindly permitted to re-print, for the purpose of assailment, such arguments in favor of tariff reductions as can be successfully combatted, or which are in themselves so monstrous as to act as a boomerang against the infamous party whic's would protect the consumers to the detriment of the manufacturing interests of the country. By shutting up both eyes and using our left hand we have attained such proficiency in protective composition, that a few days further practice, we are confident. will enable us to comply with the request of our Chief by the production of such articles as will suit the highest tariff man of the Na tion. In the meantime we will content ourselves with the alternative of giving the APPEAL readers a specimen of the infamy, sophistry and puerility of Free Trade journalism in the following mess of hogwash from the Rye Patch Bugle of Freedom:

"The Republican press and politicians, driven to desperation by the President's increasing popularity, are forced to resort to the cry of "free trade" as an electioneering device. In this they have the support of all of the organs of monopoly and see in every proposal to reduce the war taxes on the people's necessaries an "entering wedge" which may sometime penetrate far enough to reach their own pet principles. By shouting "free trade," the monopolistic organs are raising an issue before the country which no friend of tariff reform should regret. The people favor free soil, free speech, free press, and when they have examined into the issue, they will declare that our trade shall be as free as possible. The definition of free trade is easily understood. Free trade applies perfeetly to the internal commerce of our States, but has no application to our trade with any foreign nation on the face of the globe. We shall never see free trade adopted by the United States in their foreign commerce. Taxes on imports have ever been the chief source of Federal revenue, and such they will long continue to be. From death and taxes there is no escape, but from sudden death and needless taxes, we may pray, good Lord, deliver us. Neither the President nor his party has raised any question of free trade, nor assailed protection. All that is proposed, is, to reduce the war tariff, which is piling up in the treasury, \$100,000,-000 annually of surplus taxes ex torted from the people. If that be free trade, the more of it the people get, the better they will like it, especially when the necessaries in

common use are lightened of their enormous burdens. But the Republicans say, let alone the tariff taxes which the foreigners pay and reduce internal taxes on whisky, beer and tobacco which the consumers pay. But tariff taxes are taxes upon consumption, like internal revenue taxes. As the late Secretary Manning said:

"The true ground of choice among articles suitable for taxation is not the circumstance that they are produced at home or imported from aboard, for neither the producer at home or importer from aboard, finally pays the tax. The consumer pays it. The place of origin is no criterion. The place of collection is no criterion. The place of consumption is where duties as well as excise taxes are paid at last. Seaport taxes and inland taxes are alike to cost of collection (3 3-10 and 3 6-10 per cent,) and alike in this, that although the importer or distiller advances the tax he reimburses himself in the price to the consumer, who alone is taxed."

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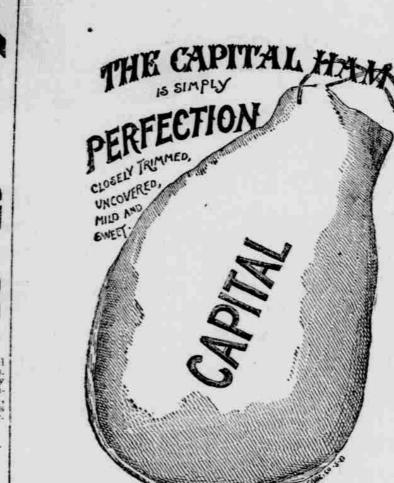
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